

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Statement

Details of villages which do not have post offices in Gujarat circle, district-wise

Sl. No.	Name of District	Number of Villages without Post Offices
1.	Ahmedabad	244
2.	Gandhinagar	14
3.	Mahesana	848
4.	Banaskantha	930
5.	Sabarkantha	565
6.	Bharuch	588
7.	Dang	253
8.	Kheda	392
9.	Panchmahal	1370
10.	Surat	642
11.	Vadodara	1039
12.	Valsad	294
13.	Amreli	279
14.	Bhavnagar	440
15.	Jamnagar	365
16.	Junagarh	578
17.	Kachchh	394
18.	Rajkot	361
19.	Surendranagar	339
20.	Daman & Diu UT	16
21.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli UT	38
Total		9989

Public Telephone Facility in Allahabad

6355. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 85 dated February 27, 1997 and state:

(a) the number of villages in Allahabad district where public telephone facility has already been provided;

(b) the percentage of telephones working properly in 1996 and steps taken to make all telephones operative; and

(c) the names of villages, Tehsil or Block-wise in

Allahabad district where village public telephones are proposed to be set up in 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) 1072 Villages have been provided with public telephone facility in Allahabad district as on 30.4.97.

(b) (i) About 95% of Village Public Telephone (VPTs) were reported working properly.

(ii) The following steps have been taken to make all telephones operative:-

All the VPTs are tested daily from the concerned exchange. VPT faults are reported to the Sub-Divisional Engineer incharge of the exchange daily. Faults pending for more than 2 days, 7 days or longer are looked into by the field officers at various higher levels;

- Annual Maintenance Contact for the repair of faulty Modules of Multi Access Rural Radio equipment is being entered into;
- Action is being taken to equip all VPTs with Solar Panel Power back up.
- Action to replace unserviceable MARR equipment is being taken;

(c) 706 Villages are planned to be provided with VPTs in Allahabad during 1997-98. A tentative Tehsil-wise list is enclosed at statement-I. However the exact village in which VPT is provided will depend on technical feasibility.

Statement

Name of Villages Tehsil-Wise In Allahabad District

Tehsil Chail

1. Abdul Wahabpur
2. Ahamadpur Abraul Kachhar
3. Ahamadpur Abraul Uparhar
4. Ahamadpur Puraini Urf Nayapur
5. Akbarabad
6. Akbarpur Mirzapur
7. Alampur
8. Amarwai
9. Amawan
10. Amrain
11. Ashrafpur Khas
12. Abhrafpur Taluqa Asadulla
13. Bahongari Khurd
14. Bakkipur Khas

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| 15. Baliawan Deh | 52. Kundanpur |
| 16. Baliawan Patti | 53. Kundari |
| 17. Balkarapur | 54. Kubwan |
| 18. Ballepur | 55. Lalpur |
| 19. Bamrauli Kachhar | 56. Lohi |
| 20. Chak Piyagpur | 57. Lohra |
| 21. Chak Raboolpur | 58. Madpur |
| 22. Chak Saiganj | 59. Mainapur |
| 23. Chalauli | 60. Nawapur Dehmati |
| 24. Chandrabhanpur | 61. Nizampur Puraini |
| 25. Charari | 62. Nodrpur Taluqa Abdullahpur |
| 26. Chittapur | 63. Padumanthpur Burbeni |
| 27. Dadanpur | 64. Paharpur Sudhuwar |
| 28. Paqirabad | 65. Paharpur Taluqa Abadullahpur |
| 29. Faridpur Tappa Malak | 66. Pakbarai |
| 30. Fatehpur Sabahalpur | 67. Palhana Kachhar |
| 31. Ganqbari | 68. Palhana Uparhar |
| 32. Dariyapur | 69. Pannoi |
| 33. Darwebhpur | 70. Quzipurtaluka Sayed Sarawan |
| 34. Deoghat | 71. Qutubanpur |
| 35. Dhanni | 72. Rahimabad |
| 36. Dharupur | 73. Raiya Deh Maufi |
| 37. Dhawabara | 74. Rampur Taluqa Abadullahpur |
| 38. Dundepur | 75. Rabulabad |
| 39. Gopalpur Tikari | 76. Rasulpur Badley |
| 40. Govindpur | 77. Rasulpur Qazi |
| 41. Hafizpur | 78. Ratgaha |
| 42. Hajipur | 79. Baidpur Khas |
| 43. Hardua Jot | 80. Santa |
| 44. Hardua Khas | 81. Baka Baripur Kachhar |
| 45. Harirampur | 82. Baka Baripur Uparhar |
| 46. Hubainmau | 83. Baka Baripur Uparhar |
| 47. Ibrahimpur Bamrauly | 84. Tikri Uparhar |
| 48. Ibrahimpur Naugira Kachhar | 85. Udaiyapur |
| 49. Ibrahimpur Naugira Uparhar | 86. Ujhini Khalsa Uparhar |
| 50. Ibmailpur Kotwa | 87. Ujhini Alma |

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| 88. Umarchha Kachhar | 124. Dattepur |
| 89. Aranwa | 125. Dayalapur |
| Handia Tehsil | 126. Devanipur |
| 90. Arjun Patti | 127. Devtaiya |
| 91. Abawadaudpur | 128. Dewali |
| 92. Abepur | 129. Daruwa |
| 93. Atarora Banbaripur | 130. Eshwarpur |
| 94. Atorora ird Kote | 131. Faridpur |
| 95. Awarta | 132. Fatehpur Mafi |
| 96. Baboopur Bele | 133. Fatuha |
| 97. Baboopur Bathar | 134. Firosepur |
| 98. Babuwapur | 135. Fhlaha |
| 99. Bag Krishan | 136. Baharpur Dobaha |
| 100. Bagadaha | 137. Gaharpur Siyadih |
| 101. Bagadaha Hawabhabad | 138. Gaila |
| 102. Bagaha | 139. Gaoharpur T. Masari |
| 103. Baghapur | 140. Garxwa |
| 104. Birahimpur | 141. Ghamaha |
| 105. Bitthalpur Bakamapur | 142. Gharabhanpur |
| 106. Bitthalpur Jagdishpur | 143. Govindpur |
| 107. Biurf | 144. Govindpur Dube |
| 108. Bhend | 145. Govindpur Ratipur |
| 109. Chak A. Azam | 146. Gulachapa |
| 110. Chak Abdulla | 147. Gurgon |
| 111. Chak Binda | 148. Habatpur |
| 112. Chak Budhabharat | 149. Hakim Patti |
| 113. Chak Daolat | 150. Hakimpur |
| 114. Chak Dasaram | 151. Harchandpur |
| 115. Chak Diharam | 152. Hardaspur |
| 116. Chak Firose | 153. Hariharpur Kachar |
| 117. Dadoupur | 154. Hariharpur Uparhar |
| 118. Daleep Chandpur | 155. Haripur Babana |
| 119. Dalpatpur | 156. Haripur Misirpur |
| 120. Dandi | 157. Indrawar |
| 121. Darogapur | 158. Itish Ibrahimpur |
| 122. Dasauti | 159. Jaguwa Sarai Pitha |
| 123. Daser | 160. Jattapur |

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| 161. Jalalpur | 197. Chauka Kachhar |
| 162. Jalalpur Chandopara | 198. Chaura Kachhar |
| 163. Jalalpur Mardapur | 199. Chhata |
| 164. Jalalpur Mutafaraka | 200. Chhatnag Kachhar |
| 165. Jogapur | 201. Chhatnag Uparhar |
| 166. Kabiruddinpur | 202. Chikhari |
| 167. Kahara | 203. Chilaunda |
| 168. Kailai | 204. Chilaundi |
| 169. Kajipur | 205. Chintamanpur |
| 170. Kajipur Fatuha | 206. Chitraha |
| 171. Kajipur Bathar | 207. Churhai |
| 172. Kajipur Utranwa | 208. Dalapur |
| 173. Kalana | 209. Dalipur |
| Phulpur Tehsil | 210. Damodarpur |
| 174. Aata | 211. Dariyapur Gulalpur |
| 175. Abhaipur | 212. Dasu Patti |
| 176. Abuba | 213. Daulatpur |
| 177. Adampur | 214. Deokali |
| 178. Abra Patti | 215. Dudmapur |
| 179. Ahirain | 216. Dudubi |
| 180. Akhalaspur | 217. Dulhapur |
| 181. Atmadpur | 218. Durjanpur |
| 182. Auraha Kachhar | 219. Faizullahpur |
| 183. Aurama Uparhar | 220. Fatehpur |
| 184. Babhan Kuinyan | 221. Gopal Patti |
| 185. Badaruddinpur | 222. Gopalapur |
| 186. Badaura | 223. Gorapur |
| 187. Badnama | 224. Goshaka Patti |
| 188. Badra | 225. Hariram Patti |
| 189. Bikapur | 226. Harju Patti |
| 190. Bir Kazi | 227. Hasanpur Mai Chak Manbur |
| 191. Birapur | 228. Ibrahimpur Mazra Katka |
| 192. Birgapur | 229. Ibrahimpur Uparhar |
| 193. Bomapur | 230. Jagbandhan Pura |
| 194. Buapur | 231. Jhuralleypur |
| 195. Chak Abdul Karim Pure Bholai | 232. Jhubi Kdhana Khab |
| 196. Chak Abdul Bhakur | 233. JiunaraInpur |

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| 234. Junad Patti | 271. Ram Nath Patti |
| 235. Junadpur | 272. Ramagarh Kuthari |
| 236. Kadi Kandi | 273. Ramapur |
| 237. Kaithawal | 274. Ramnathpur |
| 238. Kutab Patti | 275. Ratewara |
| 239. Kutab Patti | 276. Rithaja |
| 240. Kuwan Dih | 277. Rudapur |
| 241. Lakhrawan | 278. Ruhera |
| 242. Latifpur | 279. Sadalpur |
| 243. Lekhrajpur | 280. Sadamapur |
| 244. Mukundpur | 281. Sadhupur |
| 245. Mungara | 282. Badrepur |
| 246. Muradpur | 283. Sakara |
| 247. Murar Patti | 284. Suni |
| 248. Murilaypur | 285. |
| 249. Nababpur | 286. Sudanipur Khurd |
| 250. Nadiani | 287. Sudenipur Kalan |
| 251. Nagaipur | 288. Sultanpur |
| 252. Naika | 289. Sultanpur |
| 253. Narai Narainpur | 290. Tala Kachhar |
| 254. Narainpur | 291. Taranpur |
| 255. Nari | 292. Tarapur |
| 256. Nasirapur | 293. Amina |
| 257. Pure Gopi | 294. Aminabad |
| 258. Pure Pandey | 295. Aminpur Sanwari |
| 259. Pure Rudra Shah | 296. Amura |
| 260. Pure Sukdas | 297. Asna Kasimpur |
| 261. Raghunathpur | 298. Atarbuiya |
| 262. Rahimapur | 299. Awana Alampur |
| 263. Raidepur | 300. Babhan Kanti |
| 264. Raini | 301. Babhanpura |
| 265. Rajapur Mai Chak Kaji Aolia | 302. Badhari Kachhar |
| 266. Rajapur | 303. Badhari Uparhar |
| 267. Rajapur Sani | 304. Badlepur |
| 268. Rajpur Mai Sarai Arjani | 305. Bahauddinpur |
| 269. Rajupur | 306. Bhawan Buri |
| 270. Ram Nagar | 307. Bheika |

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| 308. Bihrozpur | 345. Mahendra |
| 309. Binaikpur | 346. Mahewa Kachhar |
| 310. Chak Alaaniaz | 347. Mahewa Uparhar |
| 311. Chak Baraha | 348. Mahmudpur Ukhaiya |
| 312. Chak Guraini | 349. Majhiyari Chak Alai Rosha |
| 313. Chak Hindui | 350. Malakiya |
| 314. Chak Kusiari | 351. Malipur |
| 315. Chak Bahanpur | 352. Malipur Urf Maharajganj |
| 316. Dorma Kachhar | 353. Naubasia Uparhar |
| 317. Dorma Uparhar | 354. Newari |
| 318. Dosipur Jamdua | 355. Nigaha |
| 319. Dugauli | 356. Nikhdda |
| 320. Faridanpur | 357. Nizampur |
| 321. Faridpur | 358. Osa |
| 322. Faridpur Soron | 359. Pabhosa |
| 323. Ghasipur | 360. Pachabha |
| 324. Gobar Sahai | 361. Pachchhim Sarawan |
| 325. Gohani | 362. Qasimpur |
| 326. Gohara Maruifpur | 363. Qayampur |
| 327. Gointha | 364. Qutub Alampur |
| 328. Hakimpur | 365. Rahimpur |
| 329. Hasanpur | 366. Shahpur Kachhar |
| 330. Hatwa Abbaspur Kachhar | 367. Shahpur Tikari |
| 331. Hatwa Abbaspur Uparhar | 368. Bhahpur Uparhar |
| 332. Hisampur | 369. Bharifpur |
| 333. Jamduwa | 370. Bhivra |
| 334. Jamunapur Kachhar | 371. Sonauli Umarpur |
| 335. Jamunapur Uparhar | 372. Sonwara |
| 336. Jariha | 373. Tahirpur |
| 337. Kabraha | 374. Taiabpur Mangaura |
| 338. Kalani | 375. Tajpur |
| 339. Kaparwara | 376. Thabha Alawalpur |
| 340. Karaon Khas | 377. Thabhan |
| 341. Lahna | 378. Tikri Kali |
| 342. Lakorma Urf Fazipur | 379. Tikri Muzaffarpur |
| 343. Lodhaura Urf Kayampur | 380. Tikri Nagi |
| 344. Mahabpur | 381. Tiwara Jamalpur |

382. Turdipur
 383. Ukhatiya Khas
 384. Umara
 385. Umarawan Uparhar
 386. Umrawan Kachhar
 387. Yusufpur Rara

Meja Tehsil

388. Arazi Akorha
 389. Arazi Fatehbabh
 390. Arazi Panasa Kachhar
 391. Arazi Panasa Uparhar
 392. Arazi Umapur Kalan
 393. Aruwari
 394. Atkaiya Galaiya
 395. Atkharja
 396. Babhan Patti
 397. Badhani Ufrandh
 398. Badaur
 399. Badauwa
 400. Baddiha
 401. Badokhar
 402. Badokhara
 403. Badpur Kachhar
 404. Badpur Uparhar
 405. Bhuska
 406. Bigahna
 407. Bigahni
 408. Bijaura
 409. Biratia
 410. Birha
 411. Bisari
 412. Bishenpur
 413. Bishijan Kalan
 414. Bishijan Khurd
 415. Bishunathpur
 416. Brahawari Kalan
 417. Chailari

418. Chak Bisun Dati
 419. Chak Dadar
 420. Chak Kharihani
 421. Chak Musahi
 422. Chak Unchehaka
 423. Chakarbanpur
 424. Chakro
 425. Chamaripur
 426. Chand Khamaria
 427. Chandapur
 428. Chandhas
 429. Chandi
 430. Chandra Udaya
 431. Chapartala
 432. Chapartala Taffa Chaurasi
 433. Chapaur
 434. Chaukatha Lachhan

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435. Suphipur
 436. Surya Bhanpur
 437. Tajpur Pur
 438. Tajuddinpur
 439. Tarti
 440. Tulsipur
 441. Udaichandpur
 442. Udhpur
 443. Usmanpur
 444. Vazirabad

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445. Chaukhata Tiwariyan
 446. Chouki Mai Arazi Fanasa Kachhr
 447. Chauki Mai Arazi Fanaba Uparhr
 448. Chhanana
 449. Chhapar
 450. Chwapari
 451. Chhargere
 452. Chhatwa Kachhar

453. Chiraon
 454. Churbana
 455. Churbana
 456. Dadar
 457. Daiya Baburhiya
 458. Dalaipur
 459. Dandanpur
 460. Dari
 461. Dasauti
 462. Deel
 463. Debandh
 464. Dalaunha
 465. Deohata Kachhar
 466. Deohata Uparhar
 467. Dingurpur
 468. Dorwa
 469. Dubepur Kachhar
 470. Dubepur Ufarhar
 471. Dughra
 472. Dulahipur
 473. Dadeora
 474. Gaderia
 475. Gaharpur Khurd
 476. Gajadharpur
 477. Garan
 478. Garar
 479. Gardtha
 480. Goble
 481. Gundunpur
 482. Gulanpur
 483. Gunai Gaharpur
 484. Gurgawan
 485. Hardiha
 486. Hardiha
 487. Hargarh
 488. Harwari Lakhapur
 489. Hatr Jagir

490. Hempur
 491. Ibauta
 492. Itwa Kalan
 493. Itwa Khurd
 494. Jadupur
 495. Jafra
 496. Jagipur
 497. Jaipur
 498. Jokakai
 499. Jor
 500. Jora
 501. Jorwat
 502. Kaithwai
 503. Kakrahi
 504. Kalyanpur
 505. Kundwa
 506. Kunwar Patti
 507. Kurihar
 508. Kuriki Kaian
 509. Kurki Khurd
 510. Kusumba Kachhar
 511. Kusumba Uparhar
 512. Lakhampur
 513. Lakhampur
 514. Lalitpur
 515. Lauwakon
 516. Majra Misha
 517. Mojra Tewari Tara
 518. Mokhar
 519. Mudkati
 520. Madpsla
 521. Murghura
 522. Onaur Uparhar
 523. Panchauhan
 524. Panchaunhan
 525. Panchkari
 526. Pachkhara

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| 527. Painbath | 564. Hisampur Parsakhi Uparhar |
| 528. Udaimal | 565. Ichauii |
| 529. Udherenga | 566. Jadubirpur |
| 530. Udherenga | 567. Jagannathpur |
| 531. Ayazmau | 568. Juara |
| 532. Azizpur | 569. Kachh Darya Burd Kachhar |
| 533. Badaleypur Nandbani | 570. Kachh Darya Burd Uparhar |
| 534. Badri Kedar | 571. Kahara |
| 535. Bagaha | 572. Kaima |
| 536. Baghelapur Kachhar | 573. Mongari Kara |
| 537. Baghelapur Kachhar | 574. Mongri Ammadhath Gaom |
| 538. Baghelapur Upahar | 575. Nagia Mai |
| 539. Bakhtfyara | 576. Nandey Mai |
| 540. Bihamidpur | 577. Nanmai |
| 541. Bipipur Uchrawan | 578. Nara |
| 542. Chak Aimapur Anethee | 579. Barauboyr Bengali |
| 543. Chak Auriha | 580. Narsinghpur |
| 544. Chak Dajapur | 581. Nasirpur Faridganj |
| 545. Chak Bakhteyard Farsipur | 582. Sultanpur Kasar |
| 546. Chak Bijlipur | 583. Sultanpur Khwaja Karak |
| 547. Chak Chamrupur | 584. Sultanpur Wari |
| 548. Chak Chamrupur | 585. Taibapur Shamshabad |
| 549. Balak Mau | 586. Tanda |
| 550. Bambquopur | 587. Anitarsuiya |
| 551. Bamharauli | 588. Antri Alath |
| 552. Bara Haweli Khalsa | 589. Antri Babawar |
| 553. Bara Haweliamie | 590. Antri Kalan |
| 554. Dolchi | 591. Bundawan |
| 555. Dondapur | 592. Bushira |
| 556. Dorma | 593. Chak Abhairam |
| 557. Faridpur Parbakhi | 594. Chak Antri Dubha |
| 558. Fatehpur Bela | 595. Chak Nirasu |
| 559. Fatehpur Parbakhi | 596. Chak Noor |
| 560. Fatehshahpur | 597. Chak Firomammad |
| 561. Fazukour Gopalpur | 598. Chak Premgir |
| 562. Gangapua Kaini | 599. Dihwa |
| 563. Gangapur Baru Kachhar | 600. Fatehpur |

601. Badaila Kachhar
 602. Ghatwa
 603. Ghivdoda
 604. Bhoghara
 605. Gorkha
 606. Harai
 607. Hardi
 608. Harduwa
 609. Hinauti Chandail
 610. Hinauti Lundail
 611. Ichhaura
 612. Ikauni
 613. Khiri
 614. Khojwa Baid
 615. Khojwa Sawar
 616. Khonpa
 617. Kuwar
 618. Lakhanahti
 619. Lakhanpur
 620. Madauka Kachhar
 621. Madauka Uparhar
 622. Maduri
 623. Magha
 624. Muradpur
 625. Nachwna
 626. Nandanpur
 627. Nagra
 628. Qthgi Uparhar
 629. Pachdeura
 630. Pachkhara
 631. Pohpa Kalan
 632. Pohpa Khurd
 633. Pura Baijath
 634. Pura Basis
 635. Puraini
 636. Qazipur
 637. Raipatana
 638. Paipura

639. Riteaiya
 640. Room
 641. Saholwa
 642. Sonaur
 643. Sonhia
 644. Suuauri
 645. Bulmai
 646. Sunderpur
 647. Tilakhwar
 648. Triveni Structural Ltd.
 649. Urhari
 650. Unapur

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651. Abdullapur
 652. Achaloopur
 653. Adampur
 654. Ahmadpur
 655. Akaripur
 656. Arhanpur
 657. Ariyawan
 658. Arjunpur
 659. Babhanpur
 660. Babhanpur Dera Gadai
 661. Brisinghpur Afaispur
 662. Budona
 663. Chak Bahar
 664. Chak Dera Gadai
 665. Chak Dangagir
 666. Chak Jhankhar Rai
 667. Duwara Jagdishpur
 668. Duwari
 669. Faridpur
 670. Fatehpur Bundawan
 671. Gadlyanee
 672. Ganesipur
 673. Garabpur
 674. Gariyanwan
 675. Gopalpur

- 676. Gopalpur
- 677. Hari Deeh
- 678. Harirampur
- 679. Husenpur
- 680. Ibrahimpur TA Mandara
- 681. Immam Kullipur
- 682. Ismailpur Ta. Badalpur
- 683. Jadopur
- 684. Jugipur
- 685. Judapur Karnai
- 686. Jurapur Jingaha
- 687. Kaliyanpur
- 688. Kaliyanpur Kachhar
- 689. Kursund
- 690. Kutub Uddinpur
- 691. Lakhaneepur
- 692. Lakhanpur Kandu
- 693. Lakhanpur Karan
- 694. Nazarpur
- 695. Nekeilpur
- 696. Parathpur
- 697. Parasadpur
- 698. Puri Shobhai
- 699. Pure Udho
- 700. Raghapur Jangalpur
- 701. Raghauthpur Hardua
- 702. Ragnbanspur
- 703. Ruhi
- 704. Radapuri
- 705. Sahjeepur
- 706. Sakara Mau

PDH Technology of Optical Fibre System

6356. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PDH technology of optical fibre system used for connecting exchanges which has become obsolete throughout the world was purchased by the MTNL are lying unused in their stores;

(b) whether excess payment have made to the supplier;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to make any enquiry against the persons responsible therefor;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir. The OFC equipment was the latest state-of-the-technology equipment introduced in the local network by MTNL. PDH was the technology for the OFC equipment during the period in question and it was in line with policies of Department of Telecommunications.

PDH equipment procured by MTNL are not lying unused. The purchase of this equipment was based on the traffic requirements depending upon targets of providing new telephone connections, modernisations of inter-exchange junction network and to take care of requirements of various value-added service providers.

(b) and (c) Due to considerable difference in rates given in MTNL PO and the rates subsequently finalised by DOT, MTNL was placed in a situation where it was required to make recoveries from payment already released to suppliers and at no stage it could be visualised that there may be such a huge difference between the rates. The recovery amount comes to Rs. 3.29 crores.

MTNL is in the process of recovering the same; MTNL took legal advice from additional Solicitor General of India and ordered due recoveries. In the process, MTNL ordered invocation of bank guarantee given by the concerned supplies. However, some banks been challenged by the supplier in the Court. One of the supplier has sought for arbitration. Indian Council of Arbitration has already nominated three former Chief Justices of India as Arbitrators and arbitration proceedings have already commenced.

(d) to (f) Question does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

Privatisation of Telecom Sector

6357. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI:

SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT:

SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated/ finalised a package of incentive and other policy decision to provide impetus to the process of privatisation of Telecom sector;

(b) if so, the details and implications thereof;